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## In the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A flashlight comprising:
  - a single lamp;
  - a power storage element;
  - a single switch having an electrical portion operable to be incremented through a sequence of states including an off state in addition to at least two different brightness states;
  - the switch having a push-button actuator operably connected to the electrical portion and operable in response to external pressure to move from a resting position to a depressed position, and upon release of pressure to return to the resting position;
  - the switch being operable in response to a sequence of single momentary applications and releases of pressure to increment from a first one of the states in the sequence to a second one of the states in the sequence to a third one of the states in the sequence;
  - the first one of the states comprising operating the lamp at a first brightness;
  - the second one of the states comprising operating the lamp at a different brightness;
  - the third one of the states comprising maintaining the lamp in an off condition; and
  - including a controller operable to deliver different selected power levels to the lamp, and having a plurality of inputs, the switch having a plurality of outputs connected via a corresponding plurality of conductive connections to the respective controller inputs, each connection corresponding to a operational state, such that current flows through a selected output when the flashlight is in the corresponding operational state.
2. (Currently amended) The flashlight of claim 1 wherein the switch is operable in response to a series of single momentary applications and release of pressure to increment sequentially through all of the states and return to the first state.
3. (Original) The flashlight of claim 1 wherein the flashlight includes an elongated body and wherein the switch is located at an intermediate portion of the body away from the ends of the body.
4. (Cancelled).

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5. (Previously Presented) The flashlight of claim 1 wherein the switch is operable to make a connection between an input from the controller and a selected one of the outputs.
6. (Previously Presented) The flashlight of claim 1 wherein the power storage element has opposed electrodes each connected to the controller, and wherein the lamp has opposed electrodes each connected to the controller.
7. (Cancelled).
8. (Cancelled).
9. (Cancelled).
10. (Original) The flashlight of claim 1 wherein the lamp is an LED operable to generate a light output based on the power input, with a consistent color of light output.
11. (Original) The flashlight of claim 1 including a reflector having an optical axis, and wherein the single lamp is positioned on the optical axis.
12. (Currently amended) A flashlight comprising:
  - a single lamp;
  - a power storage element;
  - a switch having an electrical input contact and a plurality of at least three electrical output contacts;
  - the switch being operable to be incremented through a sequence of states, each increment occurring in response to a momentary application and release of pressure;
  - each of the states having an electrical connection made between the input contact and a respective one of the output contacts; ~~and~~
  - a different amount of power being delivered to the lamp in each of the switch states; and
  - the flashlight including a controller connected to the lamp, to the power storage element, and to each of the contacts of the switch.

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13. (Original) The flashlight of claim 12 wherein the switch includes an off state in addition to at least two different brightness states.
14. (Original) The flashlight of claim 12 wherein the switch is the only switch on the flashlight.
15. (Cancelled).
16. (Currently amended) The flashlight of claim ~~15~~ 12 wherein all contacts of the switch are connected directly to the controller, such that the switch does not intervene between the lamp and the power source.
17. (Cancelled).
18. (Original) The flashlight of claim 12 wherein the switch is connected to a network of resistors, and operates to include a selected one of the resistors in a circuit including the lamp and the power source.
19. (Original) The flashlight of claim 12 wherein the lamp is an LED operable to generate a light output based on the power input, with a consistent color of light output.
20. (Original) The flashlight of claim 12 including a reflector having an optical axis, and wherein the single lamp is positioned on the optical axis.
21. (Previously Presented) A flashlight comprising:
- a single lamp;
  - a power storage element;
  - a single switch operable to be incremented through a sequence of states including an off state in addition to at least two different brightness states;
  - the switch being operable in response to a sequence of single momentary applications and releases of pressure to increment from a first one of the states in the sequence to a second one of the states in the sequence to a third one of the states in the sequence;
  - the first one of the states comprising operating the lamp at a first brightness;

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the second one of the states comprising operating the lamp at a different brightness;  
the third one of the states comprising maintaining the lamp in an off condition; and  
wherein the switch includes an axially-movable element operable by a user's finger, and  
an internal rotatable element having a conductive contact and operable in response to an axial  
movement of the axially movable-element to rotate a fraction of a turn.

22. (Currently amended) A ~~flashlight comprising:~~

- ~~— a single lamp;~~
- ~~— a power storage element;~~
- ~~— a single switch operable to be incremented through a sequence of states including an off state in addition to at least two different brightness states;~~
- ~~— the switch being operable in response to a sequence of single momentary applications and releases of pressure to increment from a first one of the states in the sequence to a second one of the states in the sequence to a third one of the states in the sequence;~~
- ~~— the first one of the states comprising operating the lamp at a first brightness;~~
- ~~— the second one of the states comprising operating the lamp at a different brightness;~~
- ~~— the third one of the states comprising maintaining the lamp in an off condition; and~~

The switch of claim 1 wherein the switch is connected to a network of resistors, and operates to include a selected one of the resistors in a circuit including the lamp and the power source.

23. (New) A flashlight comprising:

- a single lamp;
- a power storage element;
- a single switch operable to be incremented through a sequence of states including an off state in addition to at least two different brightness states;
- the switch being operable in response to a sequence of single momentary applications and releases of pressure to increment from a first one of the states in the sequence to a second one of the states in the sequence to a third one of the states in the sequence;
- the first one of the states comprising operating the lamp at a first brightness;

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the second one of the states comprising operating the lamp at a different brightness;  
the third one of the states comprising maintaining the lamp in an off condition;  
a controller operable to deliver different selected power levels to the lamp, and having a plurality of inputs, the switch having a plurality of outputs connected via a corresponding plurality of conductive connections to the respective controller inputs, each connection corresponding to a operational state, such that current flows through a selected output when the flashlight is in the corresponding operational state; and  
wherein all contacts of the switch are connected directly to the controller, such that the switch does not intervene between the lamp and the power source.

24. (New) A flashlight comprising:

a single lamp;  
a power storage element;  
a switch having an electrical input contact and a plurality of at least three electrical output contacts;  
the switch being operable to be incremented through a sequence of states, each increment occurring in response to a momentary application and release of pressure;  
each of the states having an electrical connection made between the input contact and a respective one of the output contacts;  
a different amount of power being delivered to the lamp in each of the switch states; and  
wherein the switch includes an axially-movable element operable by a user's finger, and an internal rotatable element having a conductive contact and operable in response to an axial movement of the axially movable-element to rotate a fraction of a turn.